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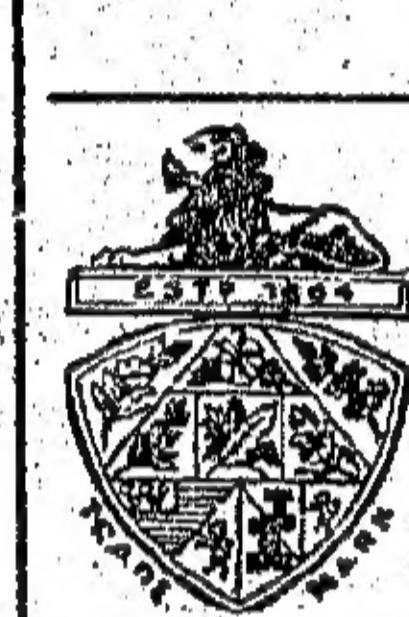
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BIRTH.

On the 28th April, at the Acacias, Robinson's Road, Kowloon, the wife of W. KING, of a son.

DEATH.

At G.O. Hosp., 28th inst. 10.30 p.m., T. H. GIDLEY, late Insp't of Police, 31 years.

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HONGKONG, 29TH APRIL, 1904

ONLY the other day, and then in a way incidentally, we alluded to the Protocol of 1901 and the manner in which one of its chief stipulations—that providing for the proper administration of the Harbour Dues—had been silently permitted to fall into oblivion through the benumbing action of that most deadly of soporifics, "International Concord." It is only right to add that there is one point on which there has been no paralysis, and in regard to which the "Concord" has shown itself indeed very much alive. We, of course, allude to the penalties demanded from China in part payment for the damages to life and property caused through the crazy escapade of the Empress Tz'u-hsi, who had usurped, without the requisite strength to control her ticklish steed, the reins of government. Wise in its generation, the Concord had assessed the damages at £67,500,000 sterling, but had so manoeuvred the incidence that, while the crime to be punished had been committed by Peking acting under the inspiration of the Dowager Empress and her satellites, the indemnity to be exacted was carefully saddled on the provinces, who had taken no part whatever in the émeute, and even beyond this had taken active steps to preserve the peace of the

Empire. Stranger still was the allocation of the penalties, which for the most part were to be applied in an exactly reversed proportion to the losses undergone by the several members of the Accord. A table of percentages will be interesting, as while the other parts of the Protocol were given wide publicity, this, which in the clue it gave to what was really the ruling feature of the Concord, has been steadily suppressed, even by those whose apparent interest it was to have the miscarriage of justice publicly exposed. The following were the percentage rates which each of the Powers forming the Concord were to receive:—

Russia	28.97
Germany	20.02
France	15.75
Great Britain	11.03
Japan	7.73
United States	7.32
Italy	5.91
Belgium	1.89
The Rest	1.38

Actually the amount of Russia's claim was in sterling £20,000,116 12s. 11d. Germany's of nearly fourteen million making a bad second. As this was a matter of entente it was held on the part of the other Powers to be "bad form" to ask any questions. The use made of these pretended indemnities has become matter of history. While the greater number of the Powers proceeded to divide the amounts amongst those who had been the actual sufferers, these two proceeded to use the indemnities in still further weakening China. Russia on the security of the capitalised amount at once raised a loan of some fifteen millions sterling, which she applied to warlike preparations in Manchuria, under the false pretence of safeguarding her new railway; while Germany, whose credit in financial quarters was better, did not have formally to pledge the amount, but nevertheless made use of the windfall in still further pushing her interests in Shantung. Regarding Russia's action in the settlement a writer in reviewing a couple of months after its close the events of the year 1901 made the following remarks. Russia had been using her influence in the Accord to screen the worst of the conspirators in the Palace Intrigue: "Russia's action took, however, a much more offensive tone; she practically forbade others to demand the punishment of Tuan. The extraordinary thing about all these pretences of Russia is not so much their extraordinary and unprecedented nature, as that the Powers concerned permitted this language to be made use of to them. Had Russia been warned off the premises when these rudenesses commenced, and the insolent demands of her representatives been treated with the contempt they deserved, we should have heard nothing more of these pretences." Unfortunately Britain, in her weak but honest desire to have in the supposed interests of peace some settlement arrived at, took of all others the course most especially fitted to hasten the inevitable war by conniving at these glaring and inconsistent exactions. The subsequent course of events has proved, what at the time was shrewdly suspected, and what ought to have been perfectly well known to the British Government, that Russia, so far from being entitled to the countenance of the other Powers, had actually been herself the first and main instigator of the Palace Plot, and had actually gone so far as to promise to Li Hung-chang and his mistress immunity in case of their expelling the British Minister from Peking. Li was too cautious in his methods, and was quietly shelved by the more treacherous actors in the Plot, which eventually fell into the hands of bunglers like Yung-lu and Tung Fu-hsiang who made the mistake of rousing a general anti-foreign campaign in which Russia was included, and against which Russia was ostensibly bound to act, while secretly screening the chief conspirators from the punishment due to their deserts. It was for this service, and not for any pretended wrong suffered by herself, that Russia demanded her twenty-two million pounds; and the attempt to blink this fact, disgraceful as it was to British honour and British prudence, has more than anything else contributed to the loss of British prestige in the Far East; which in turn, by paralysing her best meant efforts, now unfortunately too late, to bring about more wholesome conditions, has rendered necessary the present war. In it, it is hardly necessary to add the honours are not Britain's, and we hope the lesson of our previous diplomatic blunder will not result in our again tying our hands in the entangling meshes of another pretended "Concord." Unfortunately, judging from recent utterances both on the Continent and at home, the warning is more than ever necessary.

It was sixteen years ago yesterday since an Imperial Japanese Decree constituted a Privy Council for that country.

We are requested to state that the auction sale of furniture belonging to Captain Simpson by Messrs. Hughes and Hough will take place at No. 3 Cameron Villas, Peak, to-day at 11 a.m. instead of 11.30 a.m. as previously advertised.

To-day is a Portuguese national fête day, known as the "Juramento da Carta Constitucional." As there are two Portuguese warships now in the harbour it is probable that the anniversary will be fittingly commemorated.

The Viceroy of Szechuan has strongly advised the Waiwu not to grant a concession to any foreign corporation for the construction of the proposed railway from Szechuan to Hankow. The Viceroy recommends that the line, which would prove of great importance, should be built with Chinese capital, and suggests that the Government should provide some part of the money. The cost of the line has been estimated at 20,000,000 taels.

When the late Sir Edwin Arnold said that he had composed *The Light of Asia* "in the brief intervals of days without leisure," he hardly did justice to the curious feat he really performed in reeling off all that blank verse *ex tempore*. The poem was actually improvised when Sir Edwin, after a hard day's journalistic work, rested on the sofa evening by evening and dictated to his wife. This was his second wife, an American lady, granddaughter of Dr. Channing.

"Oh, that is a great mistake. I am sure lots of Americans would pay any sum to live in the cabin occupied by me." That is what the Kaiser is reported to have rejoined to the captain of the *König Albert* before changing his quarters from the liner to the *Hohenzollern* on reaching Naples the other day. The Kaiser had asked the captain whether the state cabins would remain in the same state as when he had occupied them, and the reply was in the negative. But, as the Emperor remarked, that was a great mistake.

Scientific knowledge of plague dates from the year 1894 when the famous Japanese bacteriologist Kitasato discovered what is now known as the *bacillus pestis*. The production of an anti-toxin followed, and is already proved to be of great preventive value. Dr. Kitasato has added other achievement to this. He was the first to isolate the bacillus of lockjaw, or tetanus; and, together with von Behring, he produced the diphtheria anti-toxin which has since saved many thousands of lives. He is the most distinguished scientist that Japan has yet produced.

The report that the Tsar intended to proceed to the front is declared untrue by the S. Petersburg correspondent of the *Echo de Paris*. He ought to be in a position to know, seeing that French journalists in the Russian capital have lately shown themselves to be in the swim. One advantage at least which France, or its Press, derives from the Russian alliance. Instead of setting out for Mukden, Nicholas II. is going to Moscow for the Holy Week to pray for the success of his arms in the Far East. Possibly General Kropotkin may think that his Imperial master will help him more in this way than by sharing his headquarters at the front in a railway saloon carriage.

We take the following from the *Shanghai Times* (in which paper, by the way, we are glad to see a great improvement since it last changed hands):—Of late a number of sensational war despatches have appeared in the *Hearts* paper in New York credited to "Douglas Story, Special Commissioner of the *New York American* in the Far East." A well-known war correspondent who is at present in Shanghai, told a *Times* man yesterday that these despatches are fake pure and simple and that at the time one was supposed to have been sent Douglas Story was on a steamer en route for Japan. The innermost working of the thing is this. Douglas Story represents the *Daily Express*, and that paper has an arrangement whereby it exchanges despatches with the *Hearts* paper. The latter takes Story's despatches, rewrite and elaborate them, and then publish them as the work of their special commissioner. In this way the reputation of a man which has taken many years in the building is being destroyed. Douglas Story is said is taking action against the offending paper.

The following from the *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin) of the 15th March may be read with some amusement:—Yesterday the end had come for Russia in the Eastern seas. Port Arthur had fallen. The news was confirmed in every British centre on the Chinese coast, from Wei-hai-wei right down to Shanghai, and we dare say also to Hongkong. It happens, however, as we now know, that the news was untrue. The fact is that the Japanese have now tried four times to force their way into Port Arthur, and that four times they have failed. They have boasted that they are masters of the Yellow and Japan Seas, according to a telegram from Tokyo. No doubt they are—for the time being. But they are masters of neither Port Arthur nor Vladivostock. While the Russians hold these two bases they have the game in their own hands. Amateur strategists imagine that it is a terrible humiliation to Russia to have to keep her fleet in these harbours while the Japanese vessels ride the seas; but what advantage would it be to the Russian fleet to come out unless they could defeat the Japanese, which, of course, they cannot do in their present strength. The fact is that the Russian admirals are showing the very highest kind of courage, these days—that is to say, they are showing the capacity of being able to wait and to have patience.

Two more fatal Chinese plague cases were reported yesterday, one in Kowloon City and the other in First Street, Victoria. One of the previous cases has now been traced to Canton, the victim being a recent arrival.

Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge was the inspirer of *Deeds that Won the Empire*. When in command of the Australian naval station, he happened to be sitting one evening at dinner in Melbourne next to the Rev. W. H. Fitzell. The Admiral remarked that the youth of Australia were growing up without any adequate knowledge of the great naval and military events that had made the British Empire. The idea sank into Dr. Fitchett's mind, and he shortly afterwards started his series of *Deeds* in the Saturday issue of a Melbourne paper.

The Chinese Government, in return for its sanction to the emigration of Chinese coolies and labourers to South Africa, is demanding from His Majesty's Government, says the Central News, that all regulations forbidding the landing of Chinese in Vancouver and on the Pacific seaboard of the British dominions shall be withdrawn. This stipulation will affect not only British Columbians, but the people of the United States, who will, it is believed, make formal protest against the facilities which Chinaman will have, providing the regulations in Vancouver are withdrawn, for overrunning the Western States of America.

The *Courrier d'Haiphong* of the 7th inst. says:—"The Punjab is in the midst of a terrible plague epidemic. It had twenty-three thousand deaths last week, being an increase of four thousand upon the total of the preceding seven days. The worst affected districts are Shahpur, Sialkot, Luddiana, Umballa and Lahore. The United Provinces come next to the Punjab, with seven thousand deaths last week, a reduction of one thousand compared with the preceding seven days. The Bombay Presidency, including Bombay City, reports seven thousand deaths, and the whole of the rest of India nine thousand deaths."

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Mr. E. F. Gibson subsequently made a fruitless attempt to raise the vessel, and, having undertaken the task, was required to remove her in the only remaining way—by dynamite. He was not allowed to use more than 25 pounds of the explosive at one time, so the job was a very long one. To use his own expression, "it was like taking a hundred bites at an apple." Mr. Gibson, of course, would have liked to clear the vicinity of shipping and let one big charge off, but this did not suit the Harbour Master's views. All the material was removed after being blown to pieces, and there is now some clear six fathoms of water at the place.

We understand that Mr. E. F. Gibson will leave for Java by the *Tijana* on Monday for the purpose of demolishing the Dutch mail steamer *Fonia* which is sunk in Sourabaya Harbour. The *Fonia* is a vessel of 2680 tons net and lies in 17 fathoms of water.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Iremonger and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner to-night (weather permitting):—
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TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

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JAPANESE CROSSING THE
YALU.

LONDON, 28th Ap., 11 a.m.

A Japanese detachment has crossed the Yalu by a pontoon from a point to the South of Wiju.

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FOR THE FRONT.

LONDON, 28th Ap., 11 a.m.

Admiral Skrydloff has started on his journey eastwards.

TWO AFRICAN WARS.

SOMALILAND.

LONDON, 28th Ap., 11 a.m.
A naval force has captured Illeg, on the Somaliland coast. Fighting took place at close quarters, the enemy attacking our zebabs. The British loss was slight, whereas the dervishes lost heavily.

GERMAN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.—
TYPHUS OUTBREAK.

LONDON, 28th Ap., 11 a.m.

An outbreak of typhus has occurred among the German forces in South-West Africa. The mortality is as high as 50 per cent.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR—JAPANESE CROSS
THE YALU.

LONDON, 28th April.
A telegram from General Kropotkin says that the Japanese, the last few days, have been actively preparing to bridge the Yalu and to effect a passage at various points near Wiju. Two companies of infantry and a small detachment of cavalry have actually crossed fifty kilometres below Sianpouski [?], upon which the Russian outposts were strengthened.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINES.

LONDON, 28th April.
A telegram from Port Arthur to S. Petersburgh says that experiments with submarine boats have been a brilliant success. This is the first intimation that submarines were at Port Arthur, although it was reported weeks ago that the late Admiral Makarov had requested some to be sent by rail.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

LONDON, 28th April.
The King and Queen landed at Kingstown in torrents of rain, but met with a most enthusiastic welcome.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 28th April.
The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Henry May.

[The late Admiral W. H. May was born in 1849 and entered the Navy in 1863. He served on the Arctic Expedition in 1875-76, became Captain in 1887; annexed Christmas Island, 1888; Flag-Captain on China Station, 18

CORRESPONDENCE.

BAND PERFORMANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 27th April.

SIR.—I am not at all surprised, or troubled, that "Semibreve" after "some pains" has failed to discover the point of my arguments. He convicts himself out of his own mouth of that lack of "ordinary intelligence" which his first letter led me to expect of him! I have no curiosity as to the sum he disburses on taxes generally, but I was curious to know what he considered a *handsome sum* "to discharge" for the Military Grant per se, and I am forced to the conclusion that he does not know the amount himself and that the above quoted expression must be accepted as mere claptrap, like the rest of his letters! I note, with amusement, that my "pointless arguments" have pricked his bubble-like idea of taxation so that what he first stated as a *handsome sum* has now shrunk to a little mite, yet for a fractious portion of this "mite" he arrogates to himself the right to expect the free enjoyment of Military Bands where and when it suits him, Poor "Semibreve"!

I am sure no one wishes to prevent "Semibreve" or any other tax-payer from expressing his views, but he must expect to be laughed at when he talks nonsense. We have your authority, Mr. Editor, for believing that "Semibreve" did express himself without "fear or favour" so much as that you had to tell him that "abuse was no argument."

On one point I quite agree with "Semibreve." The objects on which the military grant is expended have nothing to do with the case"; his introducing them into his letter is quite in keeping with his other attempts to bolster up the hysterical squabbling with which he started this correspondence and the point of which he (and not I) appears to have lost sight of.

I fully recognise that "Semibreve" has done his little best to substantiate his imaginary rights, and I submit that nothing in my letters can be perverted into accusing him of wishing to study the "petty grievances" of the "Gold-Laced Officers." Nothing is further from my thoughts than to imagine that he has the slightest knowledge of either the one or the other.—I am, Sir, &c.

GOLD LACE.

[With reference to the second paragraph above, we must, in justice to "Semibreve," state that our remark about abuse not being argument was not addressed only to him.—ED. D.P.]

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 28th April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A KIND-HEARTED SOLICITOR.

An Indian watchman, employed at the King Edward Hotel, was charged with assaulting the Hotel lift-boy. Mr. Stephens, solicitor, said that he appeared on behalf of the boy, who he desired to see compensated, but he was not receiving a fee.

After Mr. Ole Martin Anderson, who is in charge of Queen's and Prince's Buildings, and others had given evidence, Mr. Stephens asked His Worship to punish the man severely, for the boy had received a nasty hit on the ear. The drum of his ear, in fact, or some internal bones, might be broken. If the boy could get adequate compensation, it might save a civil action, but it was not yet possible to know the extent of the injury. The boy was a very good, mild, quiet boy, who left his ride to take a gentleman upstairs. He was not the sort of boy to make a noise as the Indian had stated.

Mr. Gompertz, in spite of defendant saying otherwise, thought defendant had hit the boy with a stick, but he also thought the boy had been making a noise. As Mr. Ole Martin Anderson said the boy could hear all right he would only fine defendant \$12 and order him to give complainant \$2 for sticking plaster.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE):

A BLIND MAN'S WIFE.

A blind Chinaman appeared as complainant against a man who had harboured his wife. The culprit was sentenced to pay \$100 or go to gaol for three months.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF COREA.

The Japanese Board of Trade in Fusan has petitioned the Japanese Government and the Japanese Minister at Seoul to secure the adoption of the following measures:

1.—A revision of the Treaty between Corea and Japan.

2.—The issuance of permanent deeds to real estate.

3.—The management of the Imperial Customs by that Power whose trade interests are largest in Corea.

4.—A reform of the agricultural methods in Corea.

5.—Permission for foreigners to reside anywhere in the interior of Corea.

6.—The establishment of four or more Japanese agricultural stations in each of the thirteen provinces as object-lessons to the Coreans.

7.—Permission for Japanese boats to visit and trade along the entire coast of Corea.

8.—The establishment of numerous branches of Japanese banks throughout Corea.

9.—The reorganisation of the Korean monetary system so as to effect an equilibrium in exchange.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 28th April.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

AN IMPRISONED BANKRUPT.

Mr. John Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors, appeared in support of an application for the release from prison of Lau Yick Lam, whom his Lordship had sent to prison on the 21st inst. for contempt of Court in failing to file a statement of his affairs within the required time after he had been adjudged bankrupt. Mr. Hays said he was informed by the Official Receiver that a statement of affairs had now been filed. Security in the sum of \$500 would if required be forthcoming from the debtor's brother.

His Lordship remarked that it was very singular that as soon as this man was sent to prison he could give a statement of his affairs, which he could not give when he was a free man.

Mr. Hays said that of course the application for the release of the debtor was not in his interests at all as he represented the petitioning creditor, but he had no objection at all to his release on security being given.

His Lordship referring to the affidavit which had been filed said it was there stated that the debtor's brother had deposited \$500 as security for his appearance in these proceedings and he had also agreed to enter into a bond in the further sum of \$500 for the bankrupt's due appearance whenever required. Well of course he had committed the man for contempt of Court only a week ago. He did not wish to keep him an unnecessary length of time in prison, but to mark his sense of the impropriety of the debtor's conduct he would allow him to come out of prison on the 4th prox. on condition that the sum of \$500 duly deposited and the bond made before that date.

CLAIM FOR COSTS IN THE R. A. COLLINS BANKRUPTCY CASE.

Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, solicitors, said he had filed an application on behalf of the judgment creditor in the R. A. Collins bankruptcy, claiming costs of the estate in priority as that which was given to the costs of a petitioning creditor. Quoting the Ordinance, Mr. Looker argued that the principle of the law was that where a creditor had at his own expense and on his own account taken proceedings and incurred costs which had resulted in the property being preserved for the benefit of the general creditors, it was only right and fair that the costs he had taken upon him to preserve that property should be paid in priority to the other debts of the creditors, because through the institution of these proceedings all the creditors got the benefit of the property so preserved. His client had got judgment against the debtor, but had stayed execution to give him time to lodge an appeal that he had intimated he was about to make, but instead of doing this he went behind their backs and got a receiving order upon depositing \$500. There was a scheme of composition under which the bankrupt was to pay off all his debts at the rate of \$50 a month which would take about two years. If that was duly carried out, and if the debts were paid it was to the benefit of the creditors, and that benefit was the result of the proceedings his client took.

His Lordship was of opinion that the case did not fall within the terms of the Ordinance which dealt with this matter. The object of the Ordinance was very clear. If a man brought an action and issued execution and seized a quantity of goods of the debtor which otherwise the debtor might have done away with, and by means of taking these things he had secured them, and then the bankruptcy ensued and these goods were now available for division among the creditors, it was only right and proper that the active creditor who had preserved these goods in that way should have the costs of his action in priority because he had added to the amount of the estate. In his opinion in this case nothing of the kind had been done. With regard to the \$500 it was not preserved by the plaintiff in that action at all; he required it to be deposited because he was not satisfied that there were not any assets. He did not think Mr. Looker's application came within the letter or the spirit of the Ordinance, and therefore he must decline to grant it.

COMPOSITION APPROVED.

In the same case, Mr. O. D. Thompson, solicitor, applied for his Lordship's approval of a proposal by the bankrupt, R. A. Collins, to pay \$50 a month until all the debts were paid. The scheme had been accepted by a majority of the creditors representing more than three-quarters of the amount of the debtor's liabilities.

His Lordship granted the petition.

Addressing Mr. Bruce Shepherd, the Official Receiver,

His Lordship said—I gather that you did not approve of Mr. Looker's application?

Mr. Bruce Shepherd—No, your Lordship. He wanted to argue the principle although the act of issuing execution had not been done.

The Court adjourned.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 28th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen in Japan and fallen slightly in China and the Philippines.

Graudants are slight on the China Coast and light E. winds will be met with in the Formosa Channel. Over the northern part of the China Sea, gradients are moderate, and moderate E. to SE. winds will prevail.

Forecast:—Moderate E. winds, overcast, fair.

A PATHETIC STORY.

The following pathetic diary tells of the sufferings of Mr. L. Hubbard, assistant editor of *Outing*, who died from starvation while on a tour of exploration in Labrador. He was accompanied by a New York lawyer, Mr. Dillon Wallace, who was rescued by trappers while in search of help for his dying companion.

"October 18. Alone in camp. After breaking down I realised it was hopeless for me to try to go farther with the boys. They will try and reach Grand Lake if they can and send back help. Our last two days were very trying. I have not written up my diary because I am very weak."

"Yesterday at a spot where we camped two months ago we found the end of an old flour sack with a bit of flour sticking to it. Boiled it with old caribou bones; it thickened the broth a little. Also found a can of mustard we had thrown away. Held it in my hand long time, thinking how it came from home, then took a bite. It was very good."

"Mixed some in our home-soup. It seemed to stimulate us. We had a bit of caribou skin in the same pot, which swelled up thick—very good. Last night fell asleep while boys were reading to me, and this morning was very sleepy."

"When the boys went they left tea; caribou bones and another end of flour-sack found here and some yeast cakes. Drank a cup of strong tea and some bone-broth, also had some really delicious raw hide boiled with bones. It made me stronger—strong enough to write this."

"Our parting was most affectionate. George said, 'Lord help us, Hubbard.' With his help I'll save you, if I can get out.' Then he cried so did Wallace, who stooped and kissed my cheek with his poor sunken, parched lips several times. I kissed his. George did the same, and I kissed his cheek."

"Then they went away—God bless and help them. My tent is pitched in front of a rock. It reflects the fire, which is now going out because of rain. Shall let it go out, close tent till the rain is over, thus keeping out the wind and saving wood."

"To-night or to-morrow perhaps the weather will improve, so that I can build a fire and eat the rest of my leather moccasins and pair of raw hide mittens. They ought to help some."

"Am not suffering. Acute pangs of hunger have given way to indifference. Am sleepy. Think death from starvation not so bad. But let no one suppose I expect it. Am prepared that's all. I think the boys will be able, with the Lord's help, to save me."

A SELF-CONTAINED COLONY.

A self-contained and peaceful British colony is that of the Falklands. These islands, over one hundred in number, lie about 250 miles from the Patagonian coast, and, so far as their climate and population and other characteristics go, might well, says the *Syren* and *Shipping*, have been styled the Shetland or the Orkneys of the Southern Hemisphere. Though separated by over 200 miles of ocean from the South American coast, they are geologically linked with it by a submarine plateau over which there is no great depth of water. There are much the same voes and rocky islets as abound in Scotland's northern island group, and these are the homes of countless penguins, which render point to the humorous title bestowed upon the Governor, viz., "King of the Penguins." The climatological conditions, to a, are analogous. Abundant winds and copious rainfall, the former being of such a boisterous and persistent nature that trees will not grow without shelter, so that the islands are quite desolate of arboreal vegetation.

KUROPATKIN'S HOSPITALITY.

The first recorded sighting of the islands by a British navigator was that of Davis, in 1592 but it remained for another bold explorer, Captain Strong, to assign them British appellation, that of the Falkland Islands, after Lord Falkland. This was in 1689. The whole industrial and social atmosphere is Gaelic, Scotch thriftiness is omnipresent, for everywhere appears evidences of a grim determination to wring a competence from the storm-swept hills and moorlands. The Scotch temperament too, is shown by the Savings Bank, which has 390 depositors, with an average account of £129, or £24 12s. 9d. per head population. It may also be an evidence of Scottish affinity that out of total imports, valued at £64,000, spirits should be assessed at £4,152, against a paltry £740 for wines, £298 for aerated waters, and £2,492 for "malt liquors." Clearly, therefore, a hot and tropical habitat is by no means the only provocative of thirst, and the Falklander would seem to be a firm believer in the efficacy of fire within rather than without, for his annual coal imports only total £4,400.

The Islands are inhabited by some 2,140 human beings, and about three-quarters of a million sheep, and it is from the latter that the former win the necessities and luxuries of life. Thus, during 1902, the value of the wool exported was £27,671; of tallow, derived by boiling down superfluous sheep, £6,372; and of sheep skins, £10,604. Needless to say, mutton is a staple article in the Falkland dietary, "good old 355" being the vernacular for this everyday standing dish. In the rearing of these sheep up-to-date methods have been adopted, prize stock being imported from England, and grasses suitable to the soil and climate being brought from abroad and extensively planted; the result being a breed of sheep thoroughly adapted to thrive in the Falkland habitat.

General Kuropatkin entertained us with banquets, excursions into the Steppes district and pleasant hunting, and directed his staff to look out for our comfort when he could not personally be present. In conversation he had very little to say beyond the ordinary exchange of conventional remarks. To the correspondents he gave an official statement, but he put into it very little not found in his published official reports. His main anxiety seemed to be that we should tell the truth about him and his performances when we reached home. Yet, when at rest and not engaged in official conversation, his face made him look as if he was utterly indifferent to what anyone said about him or his work.

One of the party asked him about his wounds, when he had got them, and how. He grimed cynically, and said: "In war," and passed on. He was willing to be a "parade" soldier when military custom and sham battles called for it, but he evidently hated to be one in the quiet of his home.

RUSSIA'S FIGHTING CHIEF.

CHARACTER SKETCH OF GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

Mr. Josiah Flynt writes in the *Daily Chronicle*:

In his stocking feet he stands about five feet and seven inches. He weighs about twelve stone, and is on the other side of his sixtieth year. He has dark eyes, resembling somewhat the Japanese type, and when he looks at you interestingly you can make no mistake about being "inspected." A fraction of his one hundred and seventy pounds consists of lead; the man has been shot at and hit a number of times; the story is that relics of some of the shots have refused to be dislodged from their resting places. His name is Kuropatkin. Until recently he was Russia Minister of War. He is now Russia's military hope in the conflict with Japan. He is considered the shrewdest and most capable military expert in the empire, and he enjoys great popularity among the soldiers.

General Kuropatkin is not an easy man to know. There are no insurmountable difficulties to be encountered in order to shake hands with him; he is also a safe conversationalist when ordinary topics are being discussed; but ask him to tell you something about himself or his business when he is not in the mood for such a talk, and your efforts will go for naught. His present duty is to proceed to the firing-line, and take command of Russia's land forces in the East.

GEOK TEPE MASSACRE.

In 1897 General Kuropatkin was Governor-General of Russian Central Asia, popularly called Trans-Caspia. It was there I met him at his home in Askabad. When Skoboleff—the man who scared the Turcomans until they are a cowed race—was advancing Russia's frontier line in Trans-Caspia, Kuropatkin was his right-hand assistant. At Geok Tepe, not far from Askabad, 20,000 slaughtered men, women and children testify to the vengeance which the two men wreaked on their Turcoman antagonists.

My task at the time was to see what I could of Russian progress in Central Asia, and to report to American authorities about interesting developments. The general himself was the most interesting fact discovered. He lived in a bungalow, called by the English "Government House," and he was usually to be found in his "office." He was always dressed in uniform and his manner was unmistakably military. I saw him two or three times a day for nearly a week, and at each meeting the impression left upon me was the one intended—i.e., "I am the Tsar's representative in these parts."

My companions on the trip were Englishmen. One of them was a London correspondent, who has since written a book about Central Asia.

What interested the general in particular at the time of my visit to Askabad was to convince his Western visitors that he was trying to civilise Trans-Caspia as rapidly as was consistent with Russia's "advance" on territory still to be acquired. He made no mention of India, hitherto mentioned by the English "Government House," and he was usually to be found in his "office." He was always dressed in uniform and his manner was unmistakably military. I saw him two or three times a day for nearly a week, and at each meeting the impression left upon me was the one intended—i.e., "I am the Tsar's representative in these parts."

No one can tell how long the fight will last. Kuropatkin has been through a number of defeats before he has achieved a victory. For a while we may hear of his discomfiture in the East. He is not like Skoboleff, dashing, daring, and quick. His strength lies in careful preparation and persistent and plodding attack. If the Minister of Finance provides him with money enough to keep his preparations intact, and the peasantry of Russia furnish him enough soldiers to keep his battlefields well filled, he will probably give the Japanese the taste of war which they have been looking forward to since their quarrel with China.

A SHEPHERD'S DIARY.

The following extract from the diary of a shepherd some forty years ago will strike the reader as curious; but when it is explained that the whisky of that time was more nourishing than the liquor we at present imbibe, and only half the price, it will be at once evident the shepherd had the best of it:

MONDAY—A half-gill to wash awa' the effects o' a dry sermon, 1d. **TUESDAY**—A gill to wet me lips for dog whistlin', being out after the sheep 3d; Forgerather wi' the Neebers, two gills, 6d; Laird dog whistlin', a gill, 3d.

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Hongkong, 25th April, 1904. [1099]

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904. [1083]

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NOTICE.

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of Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

E. GOETZ,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [892]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st to 30th APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order, E. R. PALMER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1904. [1045]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Dated 4th April, 1904.

C. PEMBERTON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1904. [934]

NOTICE.

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND at the Rate of Twenty per cent, being Twelve Dollars per Share, on the Paid-up Capital of the above Association, has been declared payable in Taels at Exchange 7/1 at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China or the Hongkong and Shanghai

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1904.

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THE undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1903.

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L'UNION DE PARIS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at current
rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

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AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current
Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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PHOENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.

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THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COM-
PANY OF TORONTO, CANADA,
INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security 2625,719

Total Losses Paid 26,769,240

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

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NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO

FIRE and LIFE.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE. Prospects are on application.

TUNNER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902.

£16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL 687,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS 2,687,215 11 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

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THE
WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF
TORONTO AND LONDON,
INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above are prepared to
accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1904.

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2 DAYS ONLY.

THE fees for the "UP-TO-DATE
SHORTHAND" will be increased.

As the last day of April is on an early
closing day, and Sunday is the 1st of May, the
payment of \$30 to completion for the full course
of 21 lessons may be made not later than Monday
next. If you enrol before that date you
may take your lessons at your leisure—in a
month, or 6 months.

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It may be learned quite as well by post as
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It is not a school or a class; you come for ten
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simplicity. Those who say "It's no good," ask
them their authority. Those who say "It's a
fraud," ask for proof. Bring such sceptics to
me, please.

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WADEWICK PEELE, Principal.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1904. [590-661]

S I E N T I N G .

SURGEON DENTIST,

NO. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

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M A R B L E and G R A N I T E

No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application.

All descriptions of Granite for Export.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1899.

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THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 1904.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

WEATHER CYCLES—HARDENED ALUMINIUM—
TRACING A SHIP'S PATH—A FURNACE
MICROSCOPE—AN IRISH MYSTERY—AN
ALLEGED NEW RADIO-ACTIVE SUBSTANCE
—THE PULSE REGISTER—COUNTING BY
ANIMALS.

The most obvious changes on the sun are those marked by spots, and it has been long understood that the cycle of eleven years in which these spots occur corresponds to a similar cycle in rainfall on the earth. More recent study of solar influence, says Loekyer, shows that it is the prominences instead of the spots that are chiefly associated with atmospheric and magnetic disturbances on the earth. The prominent cycle of 37 years is especially conspicuous in the meteorology of India, while a third cycle—35 years in length—has been traced recently in the climates of the whole earth, each 11 year cycle being different from that immediately preceding and that following.

"Meteorit" is the name given to the new metal of W. Rabel, German chemist, which is said to be aluminium hardened by a chemical process. The specific gravity is practically the same as that of aluminium, the metal is not affected by weak acids, the atmosphere or sea water, it can be cast like iron, and has 8 per cent greater tensile strength than cast iron; and it can be recast indefinitely. It can be rolled cold, is nearly as conductive as copper, retains a high polish, and can be plated.

Oysters are examined by X-rays for pearls by Raphael Dubois, a French investigator. The oysters are not injured, and those containing pearls too small to be of value are returned alive for further growth.

The ostrich is being acclimatized in Southern Europe by M. Octave Justice, whose eighty specimens from South Africa are thriving on a farm near Nice.

The automatic compass of M. Heit, which has been brought to notice in Marseilles after a test of several months, is claimed to offer an important new aid to navigation. The basin is divided into isolated sections, and an electric circuit is so arranged that a flexible wire moving over a small silver index attached to the card gives a record minute by minute of the angle of the needle with the meridian, thus supplying a complete register of the ship's course and of the time of the helmsman's changes. Certain sections are connected to bell-bars, which signal to the commander any unusual deviations. The apparatus shows the speed of the vessel by registering the revolutions of the screw, and it also indicates the time of departure and of every stop and start.

A novel microscope for viewing melted or intensely hot substances has been described to the Vienna Academy of Sciences by Prof. C. Doeller. An electric oven two inches high is mounted on the object stand, and yields temperatures up to 1,200 degrees C. In use the lens is separated from the heated object by about one inch. Even at the highest temperatures of the substance under examination, however, both microscope and objective are kept quite cool by a special tube carrying ice-cold water.

Lough Neagh, covering 150 square miles in northern Ireland, has twice shown a remarkable phenomenon, as reported by Mr. W. S. Smith of Antrim. On February 22nd, 1895, most of the ice in the lake broke up, leaving intact a strip a third of a mile wide along the southern shore, and a mile of this strip was raised at intervals of a few yards into bridges or tunnels, from which large and small masses of ice were projected upon shore, forming a ridge 2 to 14 feet high. An aged woman recalled a similar occurrence of the cold winter of 1814-15. Where the ice—mixed with boulders—came from, and what shot the blocks upon shore, are problems awaiting solution.

Radium's rays are of three kinds—Delta rays, hardly penetrating solids at all; Beta rays, moderately absorbed by solids and powerfully deflected by the magnet; and Gamma rays difficult of absorption and not to be deflected. Radio-tellurium, the very active new substance that Prof. Markwald of Berlin has found in exceedingly minute quantity in pitch-blende, gives off only Alpha rays. These were stopped by a sheet of paper, but they passed through a very thin sheet of aluminium, and they showed in high degree the power of making air a good conductor of electricity. An electrolytic precipitation of some hundred-thousandths of a gramme of the new substance was placed on a copper-plate. With this Prof. Markwald stopped a set of electric chimes, caused a Leyden jar to discharge through the air without sparks, and rang an electric bell by a current passed through the air from a condensing machine to the copper-plate. A sheet of paper between the plate and the machine interrupted the current and stopped the bell.

Watching the pulse adds seriously to the strain upon the surgeon during an operation under chloroform, cocaine or ether. This is done automatically by the new "pulse register" of Dr. Gartner, of Vienna, which consists of a watch-like box to be attached to the patient's forearm, the hands upon a graduated dial being made by an elastic spring to register very precisely the pulse and blood pressure vibrations. The indications are much more sensitive than the physician's finger.

Evidence that animals can count has been collected by Signor Mancini. Horses in the collieries at Hoineville have a regular number of daily trips, and invariably seek their stables after the twelfth. A dog remembered the twenty-sixth buried bone a short time after digging up twenty-five. Birds count their eggs, magpies count only to four. The latter is true also of monkeys.

A CHAMPION OF WESTERN CIVILISATION!

Russia's suitability to pose as a champion of Western civilisation and its pioneer in the Far East has with the greatest reason been questioned of late. As a matter of fact, if there is a more generally ignorant and grossly superstitious country in the world, apart from merely savage races, it would be hard to find. Superstition of the most childish and ridiculous kind is now rife, in connection with the war against Japan. We read that an enormous trade is being done in Moscow in the sale of religious charms and amulets for the protection of soldiers at the front. At the fair at Sukharoff Tower, held on Sundays, some of the pedlars dealing in these wares are, curiously enough, Mohammedan Tartars, who loudly puff charms "against the unbelieving Japanese." Soldiers buy leather chains which "protect the wearer as long as they remain unbroken." Most of the purchasers are relatives or friends of men at the front. Brass lockets with saints enameled on the backs, and a cavity for hair or photographs, declared by the vendors to have been specially blessed, find ready sale. Wooden crosses are in demand as, according to the popular superstition, every dead soldier found with a crucifix on his body must be given Christian burial. Bottles of "water from the Jordan" are being sold in enormous numbers at 25 kopecks each; and persons who cannot afford this are allowed to dip gifts of their own into a bowl of the water for five kopecks. A church near the Monastery of the Passion, which has a large font of this water, has been invaded by a mob, who carried the water away in beer-bottles. The wild mob at the Sukharoff Tower apparently hold that everything Japanese is impure, for they attacked and tore down the stall of a vendor who was selling Japanese fans. The dealer protested in vain that they were made in England.

But what can be expected of the mob and the ignorant soldier when we hear of General Kropotkin starting for the scene of war with 70 ikons (or images of saints) among his luggage? And then there is the Tsar himself. For should he go to the front, as it is said he will, it may be assumed that whatever else he may take or leave, one item, will not be omitted—the cap of St. Seraphim. The latter is a new saint, or, rather, his canonisation is new, dating only from last year. From a quarter to half a million of people went last summer to the exhumation of Seraphim's bones from their resting place in a humble church in Saroff and re-interment in the Uspensky Cathedral at Saroff. It is characteristic of the Tsar

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 April 27, GAFA, Norwegian str., 625, H. Dahl, Saigon 23rd April, Rice and Flour.—CHINESE.
 April 28, ARAGONIA, German str., 3,531, Schmidt, Hamburg and Singapore 22nd April, General—HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE.
 April 28, CHOWWA, German str., 1,055, J. Kohler, Bangkok 22nd April, Rice and General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 April 28, DAPHNE, German str., 2,200, H. N. Jones, Penarth 11th March, Coals—ORDEN.
 April 28, GLENNOLE, British str., 2,399, W. T. Larkins, Singapore 23rd April, General—MCGREGOR Bros. & Gow.
 April 28, HOIHAO, French steamer, 503, Coste, Haiphong and Hoitow 27th April, General—A. E. MARTY.
 April 28, HUNAN, British str., 1,143, W. Frazier, Wuhsu and Chinkiang 22nd April, Rice—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 April 28, KASHING, British str., 1,143, W. B. Brown, Tientsin and Chefoo 21st April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 April 28, KUINKANG, British str., 1,224, Bright, Chinkiang 23rd April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 April 21, M. STRUVE, German str., 966, I. Brandt, Tamshui 24th April, Amoy 26th and Swatow 27th, General—OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.
 April 28, ROSELEY, British str., 2,832, D. M. Robertson, Moji 22nd April, Coals—BRADLEY & CO.
 April 28, VENGEANCE, British battleship, from Mrs Bay.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 28th April.
 Lord Ormonde, British str., for Pondicherry.
 Nishidate, British str., for Kobe.
 Rajaburi, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

27th April.
 PALAWAN, British str., for London.
 28th April.
 ALBION, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 AMPHITRITE, British cruiser, for Mrs Bay.
 CENTURION, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 GLORY, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 OCEAN, British battleship, for Mrs Bay.
 SIRIUS, British cruiser, for Mrs Bay.
 ANGHLIN, British str., for Swatow.
 CHINA, German str., for Saigon.
 CHOY-SANG, British str., for Canton.
 PUNEE, British str., for Amoy.
 SHANTUNG, British str., for Saigon.
 STOLE NORDISKE, Danish str., for a cruise.
 THALAS, British str., for Coast Ports.
 TING-SANG, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

27th April.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—KOWLOON DOCKS—H. I. G. M. S. Moens, Adamastor, Haitian, Seaward, Apennine, Taiping, Honam, Amaro, U.S.S. Monterey, H.M.S. Moorhen.

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 PAQUEBOT—POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship
 "ERNEST SIMONS," Captain Bourdon, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 2nd May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, 26th April, 1904.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP (VIA SUEZ CANAL).
 THE Steamship

"BALDER."

Captain Moltsch, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 15th April, 1904.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL (With liberty to call at Philippine Ports).

THE Steamship

"BREIZ HUEL."

Will be despatched as above on or about the 12th May.

For Freight & further information, apply to STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Oriental Freight Department. Hongkong, 25th April, 1904.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship

"RAS ISSA,"

will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 26th May.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 26th April, 1904.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, AIDEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"MALTA,"

Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 7th MAY, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be convoyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 26th April, 1904.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BRIT. str.	G. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. CO.	7th May, at Noon.	
LONDON & ANTWERP (VIA SUEZ CANAL)	BRIT. str.	Moltsch	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 7th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRIT. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	P. & O. S. N. CO.	10th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP, &c., SINGAPORE, &c.	BRIT. str.	B. H. W. Snow	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 11th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRIT. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	P. & O. S. N. CO.	24th May.	
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRIT. str.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	P. & O. S. N. CO.	7th June.	
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BRIT. str.	Frenard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	3rd May, at 1 P.M.	
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	BRIT. str.	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & CO.	25th May, at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	G. Grunmeyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	12th May.	
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Stern	HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	13th May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	31st May.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Fork	HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	14th June.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRIT. str.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	28th June.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	BRIT. str.	DUCALION	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th May.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	BRIT. str.	SHIMONA	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	14th June.	
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	BRIT. str.	BREIZ HUEL	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 16th May.	
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	BRIT. str.	RAS ISLA	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 12th May.	
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	BRIT. str.	E. of JAPAN	STANDARD OIL CO.	26th May.	
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAKA, &c.	BRIT. str.	TARTAR	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	11th May.	
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	BRIT. str.	CALCHAS	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	21st May.	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	BRIT. str.	SHAWMUT	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	21st May.	
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	BRIT. str.	TSINAN	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	9th May.	
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	BRIT. str.	EMPIRE	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	11th May.	
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BRIT. str.	PREA	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 2nd May.	
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	CHANGSHA	P. & O. S. N. CO.	11th May.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BRIT. str.	TAIWAN	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd May.	
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	SIMILA	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 2nd May.	
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	IOXANO	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 8th May.	
TRIUMPH	BRIT. str.	A. Hansen	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.	
M. STRUVE	BRIT. str.	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	11th May, 10 A.M.	
FRITHJOF	BRIT. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	1st May, 10 A.M.	
TRITOS	BRIT. str.	H. Kraft	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	8th May, 10 A.M.	
HALOONG	BRIT. str.	Gibson	Douglas LAPRAE & CO.	To-morrow, 4 P.M.	
CHILLI	BRIT. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	7th May,	
SUNGKIAN	BRIT. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.	
RUBI	BRIT. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, 10 A.M.	
ZAFIRO	BRIT. str.	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 3rd May.	
PERLA	BRIT. str.	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	7th May, 10 A.M.	
CEBU & ILCOLO	BRIT. str.	Helms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	11th May, at Noon.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	BRIT. str.	A. Stewart	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.	
			DAVID SASOON & CO., LTD.	3rd May, 3 P.M.	

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

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ON TUESDAY, the 3rd May, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "ANNAM," Captain R. Girard, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian line s.s. "Nera," bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit, through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on Monday, the 2nd May. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1904.

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R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 22nd June.

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On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Offices at No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1904.

T. ARIMA, Manager

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
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FROM	STEAMERS	TO
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DEUCALION".....	On 1st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ULYSSES".....	On 7th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TEENKAT".....	On 13th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"CALCHAS".....	On 15th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DARDANUS".....	On 21st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"YAN TSZE".....	On 28th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DIOME".....	On 3rd June.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP.....	"ANTENOR".....	On 10th May.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL.....	"ACHILLES".....	On 20th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP.....	"ALCINOUS".....	On 24th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP.....	"PROMETHEUS".....	On 7th June.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL.....	"DEUCALION".....	On 14th June.

* Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CALCHAS".....	On 17th May.

For Freight, apply to—

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU and ILIOILO	* "WUCHANG".....	On 29th April, Noon.
MANILA.....	* "SUNGKUANG".....	On 29th April.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	* "ICHANG".....	On 30th April.
SHANGHAI	* "TAIWAN".....	On 2nd May.
SWATOW and TIENSIN	* "CHIHILI".....	On 7th May.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY
ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIENS,
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE
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The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1904.

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THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer "SAN CHEUNG,"		REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).
951 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for Canton at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.		PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG 1904. About "SHIMOSA"
"SATSUMA"		10th May.
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Hongkong, 29th April, 1904.		1977

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI"	Captain Samuel Bell Smith.
DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M.; on excursion Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.	
FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), 23. Return Ticket \$5.	
2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.	
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Hongkong 8th September, 1903.	

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalyi and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
The *Ernest Simon*, with the French mail of 1st April, left Singapore on Monday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd May. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 27th February.
The *Coptic*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 22nd inst., via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd prox.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		Hankow
Bangkok		Friday, 29th, 7.30 A.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Cuba and Iloilo		Friday, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, and Rangoon		Friday, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Friday, 1.00 P.M.
Manila		Friday, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai		Friday, 3.00 P.M.
Hoihiong and Pakhoi		Friday, 4.00 P.M.
Bangkok		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihiong and Haiphong		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Kongmien, Kunming and Samshui		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Nantao		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Sanho		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Macao		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Canton		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Manila		Friday, 5.00 P.M.
Tientsin		Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tatsiorin	(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)	Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Strait and Colonia		Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Kudrat and Sandakan		Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila		Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow and Tientsin		Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne		Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Household Furniture, 3, Cameron Villas, Peak, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11.30 a.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 12, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, &c., 2, Hollywood Road, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 6, Morrison Hill, Mr. G. P. Lammett, 2.45 p.m.
Organ Recital by Mr. A. G. Ward, St. John's Cathedral, 5.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, steam-launch *Bertha*, Douglas Wharf, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, noon.
Sale, Stamps, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2 p.m.
Sale, Household Furniture, 118, Queen's Road East, Mr. G. P. Lammett, 2.45 p.m.
Half-yearly General Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, City Hall, 4 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

28th April.

ON LONDON.—	19 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	19 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	19 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	19 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	19 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	19 1/2
Documentary Bills, 6 months' sight	19 1/2
ON PARIS.—	22 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	22 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	22 1/2
ON GERMANY.—	18 3
Cash, on demand	18 3
ON NEW YORK.—	43
Bank Bills, on demand	43
Credits, 62 days' sight	44
ON LOMBARDY.—	133 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	133 1/2
Cash, on demand	133 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	133 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	133 1/2
Cash, on demand	133 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	72 1/2
Cash, at sight	72 1/2
120 days, 30 days' sight	73 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—	88
Cash, on demand	88
ON SINGAPORE.—	Nominal.
Cash, on demand	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.—	107 1/2
Cash, on demand	107 1/2
ON HAI HONG.—	24 1/2 p.m.
Cash, on demand	24 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	24 1/2 p.m.
Cash, on demand	24 1/2 p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	63
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.10
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	58.90
Bar Silver, per oz.	253

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Ernest Simon* left Singapore on the 26th inst. at 5 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Nanshang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on the 1st prox.

The Indo-China steamer *Suzhou* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 23rd inst., and is expected here on the 10th prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 15th inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German-mail steamer *Oldenland* left Aden on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, the 25th inst., and left again at 3 a.m. on Tuesday for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Friday, the 29th inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kanagawa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., 6 a.m., and is due here on the 3rd prox., 6 a.m.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shamoun* arrived at Yokohama on the 22nd inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Pinguet* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

The P. & A. steamer *Inayazura* left Portland for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 11th prox.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 28th April.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Hongkong & Shai...	125	\$65.75, sellers London £64.
Natl. Bank of China	28	436, sales & buy.
B. Shares	28	336, sales & buy.
Fam. Shares	21	310.
Boil's Arbitrators E. A...	42	35, sellers
Canton-Hongkong Ice	10	10, nominal
Campbell, Morris & Co.	10	37, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	12	35.25, buyers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd. ...	10	35.
China Prov. L. & M.	10	30, sales
China Sugar	100	314.0.
Cigar Companies—		
Ahamian, Ltd.	500	320.
Philippine Co., Ltd.	10	10, buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Evo	15	Th. 33, sellers
International	75	12, 25.
Lau Kong Mow	100	321.
Soychoo	600	170.
Hongkong	10	514, sellers
Dairy Farm	15	113, buyers
Fenwick & Co., Geo...	25	147, sellers
Green Island Cement	10	322, sales
Hongkong & C. Gas...	20	140, buyers
Hongkong Electric	10	113, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways...	100	300.
Hk. Steam Water...	10	115, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	60	116, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G...	25	120, sales
Hongkong Ropew...	10	110, buyers
H. & W. Dock	10	12, buyers
Insurance—		
Cantell	50	185, buyers
China Fire	80	183, sales
China Traders	25	160, sales
Hongkong Fire	50	125, sales
North China	20	171, sellers
Union	100	135, buyers
Yangtze Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	150, buyers
Humphreys E. {	10	102, buyers
Kowloon Land & B...	22	72, buyers
West Point Building	50	152, buyers
Shanghai Land	50	103,
Luzon Sugar	100	110, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fea. 250	500.
Punjon	10	75 tons, sellers
Do. Preference	10	25, tons.
Raubs	10/10	10, sellers
New Amoy Dock	60	132, sellers
Powell, Ltd.	10	92, buyers
Steamship Cos.—		
China and Manilla	50	211, sellers
Bogota Steamship	50	134, sellers
H. Canton and M...	10	29, sales
Indo-China S. N...	10	105, sellers
Suez Transport and	1	22s. 6d.
Do. Preference	10	18.
Star Ferry	10	32, buyers
S.C.E. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	100	146, buyers
S. & H. Dyeing & Co., Co. Ltd.	50	50.
Tehran Planting Co.	5	1, sellers
United Asbestos	10	94, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	10	210, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S.	10	37, buyers
VEENON & SMYTH, Brokers	10	14, sales & buy.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 20th April to the 5th May.

HIGH WATER.

LOW WATER.

Day	Month	Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Hongkong Mean Time	Height
Fri.	29	8 m.	ft. in.	8 m.	ft. in.
		8 37	6 3	8 21	1 4
		9 11	6 6	9 05	2 3
		10 21	5 5	10 34	1 1
Sun.	1	8 43	6 8	8 31	0 9
Mon.	2	10 14	6 9	9 49	2 8
		11 59	6 9	5 5	0 9
Tues.	3	10 44	6 9	4 16	1 1
Wed.	4	8 50	6 5	4 41	3 4
		11 12	6 7	6 38	1 4
Thurs.	5	11 51	6 3	5 15	3 0
		11 42	6 4	7 39	1 6

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